

# World Habitat Day 2024

## Theme: Engaging Youth to Create a Better Urban Future

7<sup>th</sup> October 2024

World Habitat Day is held on the first Monday of October every year on a specific theme as decided by UN-HABITAT with an objective to raise awareness about urbanization trends, challenges, and sustainable solutions for betterment of quality of life in cities and towns by developing and improving human settlements focusing on shelter provision and highlighting the plight of the homeless. With the above objectives in place the first World Habitat Day was celebrated in 1986 at Nairobi, Kenya on the theme “Shelter is my Right”. World Habitat Day 2024 will be observed this year on 07 October 2024 in the City of Querétaro, Mexico on the theme “Engaging youth to create a better urban future”.

World Habitat day aims to address the challenges and opportunities of rapid urbanization by focussing on the active involvement of young people in shaping sustainable cities and communities; it presents a distinctive opportunity to celebrate the contribution of youth to sustainable urbanization while addressing the challenges of rapid urban growth. This and other issues pose significant obstacles to the equitable development and resilience of urban regions worldwide. Channelizing support from all segments of society is vital, with a particular emphasis on engaging the youth. Despite global efforts, the United Nations acknowledges unrelenting challenges in advancing the SDG's, especially in the areas of poverty, inequality, and the alarming danger of climate change. Empowering youth and involving them in urban decision-making is indispensable for developing resilient cities. By harnessing the energy, creativity, and perspective of youth, cities can work towards more sustainable and equitable development, ensuring a brighter future for all.

All stakeholders are requested to celebrate this day in a benefitting manner.

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